Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The transfer was already made before the occurrence. But it was carried into effect only after this.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Were any petitions received after the telegram ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I said no. The answer is there already.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Even after the case was disposed of by the District Court, did the Sub-Inspector maintain that it was a case of suicide ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not exactly that. He might have suggested a theory. He never said that the High Court Judges were wrong.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did he maintain still that it was a case of suicide when the Commissioner ordered him to furnish his explanation ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He pointed out that the circumstances of the case might have been so.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—May I know whether it is a case of suicide ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Might be.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did the Sub-Inspector maintain that it was a case of suicide when the Judges of the Chief Court said that it was a case of murder ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot remember. I have not got a copy of the proceedings here.

145. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(1) did the Sub-Inspector Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar investigate the case of a murder of an Ezhuva at Pullaipady, Ernakulam, very recently;

(2) how was that case finally disposed of by the Chief Court;

(3) is there any observation in the Judgment of that case, that instead of the Police Officers who proceeded for investigation to the scene, as soon as the information of the occurrence was received, if the Sub-Magistrate himself had gone there, the offenders would not have escaped the punishment of law;

(4) did the Government know that the offenders in that murder case happened to escape on account of the incompetent or inefficient or insincere investigation by the Police Officer;

(5) what is the time at which the offence took place;

(6) how far is the police station from the scene of occurrence;

(7) is the scene of occurrence inside the Municipal limits of the Town;

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(8) what is the time at which the police went to the spot;

(9) where was the victim till the police reached there;

(10) who was the Sub-Inspector of the Police Station concerned at that time;

(11) how many oral reports from disinterested people were received at the Police Station before they proceeded to the spot;

(12) was it only on receipt of an order from the Magistrate that the Police proceeded to the scene of occurrence?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The accused were acquitted by the Chief Court.

(3) Yes.

(4) No.

(5) About 8 p. m, on 16th Medam 1104.

(6) About a mile.

(7) Yes.

(8) 1-30 p. m. on 17th Medam 1104.

(9) At the scene of offence.

(10) The station was in charge of a Head constable at the time.

(11) No information.

(12) Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—With reference to sub-division (3), the answer is 'Yes.' Did not the Government understand that the investigation of the Police Officer who went to the spot was not satisfactory so as to bring the offenders to book? Does not the observation of the Judge come to that?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That observation is not taken in that light.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—This is the observation of the Judges: 'That, instead of the Police Officers who proceeded for investigation to the scene, as soon as the information of the occurrence was received, if the Sub-Magistrate himself had gone there, the offenders would not have escaped the punishment of law'. What is the meaning of that observation, may I know?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is the reflection on the Police. If the Sub-Magistrate had gone to the spot, his evidence in the case would be of more value than that of a Police officer. He can take evidence and statements and that could have been utilised for going through the case. This is the interpretation that the Government has put upon it.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was there any remark in the judgment to this effect—if the Magistrate had gone there he could have taken certain statements?

President.—That is a matter of inference only.

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—What was the delay for the Police officers to reach the spot due to? At about 8 p. m. the man was lying there and the place of occurrence is within a mile from the Police Station. The Police officers reached there only at 1-30 p. m. on 17th Medam, next day. What was the delay for the Police officers to reach there due to? Up to this time the man was lying there on the spot.

President.—What was the delay due to?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No information was received.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—That of course is another answer. 8. p. m. is the time at which the occurrence took place. Till 1-30 p. m. next day the man was lying there on the scene of occurrence, all this time, about 36 hours.

President.—Eighteen hours.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—He was lying helpless. Sub-division 11. The answer to the question whether any oral reports were received from disinterested parties before they proceeded to the spot is 'no information.' Whether any information was received before that? With regard to that, there is no information.

President.—What is stated by the Commissioner of Police is that they did not receive any information about this sufficiently early. They would have proceeded at once if information had been received in time.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, Sir. It was very late when they got information.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is there not a constable posted on beat duty near the Pullaipadi road?

President.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—May I know how far is the scene of occurrence from the Pullaipadi junction?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There is no beat constable.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—No beat constable? Traffic beat constable?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is not a traffic point. No man posted for any traffic.

President.—Is there not beat all over the town?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot say whether there was any beat on that day. I require notice.

President.—The other Members complain that you are taking too much time.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Too unfortunate a case. In the Police Station are not oral information taken with regard to serious offences, whenever they are given?

President.—They are reduced to writing.

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—How is it that no information is available. Whether anybody made any oral representation with regard to this event?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No record with me.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—If anybody makes any oral explanation with regard to any serious occurrence what is done?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It will be reduced to writing.

President.—So they did not get any oral information at all on any point.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The answer is 'no information.'

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That means no.

President.—I mean it follows that, whenever information is given, it will be reduced to writing. This has not been reduced to writing.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The answer with regard to that is 'no information.'

President.—How many oral reports were received before they proceeded to the spot?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No information.

President.—Any report?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Does it mean that there is no report?

President.—Time is up.

146. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly answer:—

(a) what is the educational qualification of Sub-Inspector Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar;

(b) on what pay did he start in the Department;

(c) during the last 12 years has he obtained any adverse remarks or punishments from his superiors;

(d) is there any other Sub-Inspector in the State who has only similar educational qualification as he;

(e) what caste does this Sub-Inspector belong to?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Studied up to the Matriculation Class.

(b) On Rs. 6.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. There are two.

(e) (1) Eurasian.

(2) Kshetria.

Orders on the Special Finance Committee Report.

147. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they remember to have stated

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